IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 31, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: